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In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 1711

Composites Comprising Plant Material )  
From *Parthenium* spp. and Plastic )

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Serial No. 09/828,634 )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable

The Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Kindly add new claim 19.

(New) 19. The composite of claim 1, wherein the composite exhibits a termite  
resistance rating of high or heavy termite mortality as determined by ASTM standard test

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